

Teacher Instrument Evaluation Success

Perhaps it was partly the way the teacher evaluation committee, under the chairmanship of Ralph Dormitzer, presented it.

Maybe it was the Charlie Brown cartoons they used to help make their points. The skit presented by Osgood School Principal Jack Creamer and Christine Collins was as funny as it was instructive — and there were no rehearsals.

But mostly, the school committee Monday night voted to approve the new evaluating instrument with some minor definition work to be done because it was just so good.

The evaluation committee, composed of Christine Collins, Ralph Dormitzer, Denise Desmond, Jack Hartwell, Diana Kornet and Pat Wunschel had been working on short notice since August in an attempt to devise an instrument which would help teachers improve the quality of their instruction

and simplify the format of evaluation.

They appeared to have achieved the school committee's goals with the instrument presented this week.

Twenty competencies were listed which Dormitzer said "represent skills we feel teachers should have." An assessment form broke classroom instruction into four domains: environment, competitive domain, affective domain and class management.

Dormitzer said the instrument provides for direct observation and encourages a closer relationship between the teacher and her supervisor and provides for a review of growth throughout the year.

It was also pointed out that the instrument makes no difference between tenured or non-tenured teachers, nor does it specify the frequency of teacher/administrator con-

ferences.

Ms. Collins went into detail on the cognitive domain, which she said was comprised of six levels. "A teacher has to know what level she is functioning on:" recall, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis (originality), or evaluation.

The instrument was designed to measure only the personal growth of teachers, it will not compare teachers to one another.

No Flu Vaccine

The state has notified Dr. Roger Pompeo that the flu vaccine will not be available at the dates specified in the **Cohasset Mariner** last week.

The flu clinics will, however, be held sometime in November.



DOUBLE TEAMED — Jean Garvey is pictured in Center with two friends of equine persuasion — Amigo and Camelot.

Student Valuation

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from each other and give the money back to Mrs. Whitley. It's called "Becker money" because Mr. Becker, a sixth grade teacher, invented it."

"We're comparing man to apes, Samon and something else."

"In sixth grade teachers don't give peanuts. If you finish your work she always wants you to be reading a book. She's awful nice."

MRS. FINK

"She has her private piano but she can't play it."

"She has a water fountain in her room."

"When you don't have a snack she gives out crackers and peanuts."

MR. STOCKBRIDGE

"He says he's firm and fair and that's what he is."

MS. BOWKER

"She's doing very well."
"The smartest kid in her room is really smart because he has lots of brothers and

sisters to help with homework."

"The talking is better."
"I think she knows what she's doing."

"She always says 'stop talking.'"

MRS. COLLINS

"She's coming along good. She gives out candy. And we go out for three recesses — when I get into second grade we will only have two recesses and we have four recesses when it's winter time."

MR. NARCO

"He's the director of the language department. He's great. He sort of jumps around alot. He's probably about 40."

"He gives a fair amount of homework — about 45 minutes worth."

MR. FLYNN

"He's a nice guy. He's very relaxed."

MR. CHATTERTON

"He's good, but I've only had him one day so I really can't evaluate him."

MRS. MONTUORI

"She's about 30, married. She's doing ok so far — she's very nice."

MR. DEACON

"He seems to know what he's doing. He gives a lot of homework — half an hour each subject."

MRS. TEWKSBURY

"I'm not sure how well she's doing. She hasn't given out candy yet."

(The **Mariner** would like to point out that there was some discrepancy here as another student reported:)

"She gives out M & M's if she likes our work and we're good to her." (We plan to investigate the conflicting evaluations).

MRS. MORVECK

"When you go into the classroom you have to get to work immediately."

MRS. McDONALD

"She's fair and she's nice and she helps people if they're stuck."

"There's nothing really mean about her. If you're extra special good you get a point for the point bank, and when you get 15 points you can play a soccer game or a kick-ball game."

"If you're bad you get a point taken away."

"I can't really tell if it's harder this year — we just started you know."

MRS. CLARK

"Oh she's so nice. She gives M & Ms on Friday afternoons."

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

"They're all nice. The ones that are supposed to be bad I

won't get until next term."

MR. MIKA

"He's fine. He's serious. He doesn't try to be funny."

MR. KITE

"Yes, that's as in 'go fly.'"

"He tends to get into a conversation then goes off into some really interesting subjects instead of keeping a really strict outline. I hate teachers who follow strict outlines."

MR. SHEEHAN

"I really haven't seen him very much. I'll probably know him better later. He's fun, but I wouldn't go so far as to say he's a character."

MRS. WUNSCHEL

"She talks to us instead of at us."

"She's really good."

MR. THOMPSON

"He bounces around a lot — makes the course really fun, and I'm a kid who's always hated science."

Wilfred O'Mara Cooney

Wilfred O'Mara Cooney, 67, of Cohasset, a retired mechanical engineer for the former Bethlehem Steel Corp. Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, died at home Sunday, Sept. 16.

Born in Brownville Junction, Maine, he had lived in Cohasset for 36 years.

He was a 1935 graduate of the University of Maine.

He leaves his wife, Eleanor (Trowt) Cooney; three daughters, Nancy Cooney of Boston, Carolyn Cooney of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Mrs. Christine Black of Wantagh, N.H.; a brother, Edward C. Cooney of Winchester; and two sisters, Mrs. Zena Egleston of Belmont and Mrs. Ardelle MacNamara of Arlington.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St.



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